(c) The setting up of Food Safety and Standards Authority and implementation of the Act involves significant inter-ministerial coordination. A Steering Group consisting of Secretaries of all relevant Ministries has been constituted for overseeing the setting up of an autonomous Food Authority on the basis of the FSSA, 2006, Section 4 to 10 (both inclusive), sections 87,88,91 and 101 of the FSSA, 2006 have been notified with effect from 15th October, 2007 to enable setting up of the said Authority which would take up further steps for implementation of the Act. The setting up of the Authority is in its final stage.

Investment in MSME in Jharkhand

1641. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the total investment that has come in Jharkhand in Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises during the last two years, sector-wise;

(b) how many employment opportunities are created in each of these sectors; and

(c) how many of these enterprises are owned by the tribals, sector-wise figures of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises?

THE MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Estimation of the total fixed investment and employment in the micro and small enterprises sector in Jharkhand are made on the basis of the results of the Third all India Census for the Small Scale Indusries (SSIs) conducted during 2001-02. These estimates for last two years are given below.

Sector	Fixed Investment (Rs. crore)		Employment	
	2005-06	*2006-07*	*2005-06*	*2006-07*
Micro enterprise	524	556	2,87,770	3,02,020
Small enterprise	264	284	47,455	50,459
TOTAL:	788	840	3,35,225	3,52,479

Since the medium enterprises were for the first time defined under the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006 which came into force from 2nd October, 2006, information in respect of fixed investment and employment in the medium enterprise sector is not available.

(c) Statistics on the sector-wise number of enterprises owned by the tribals in Jharkhand are not available. However, the Third all India Census for the SSIs collected information on the number of micro and small units (MSE) managed by Scheduled Tribe (ST) persons. Based on this information, the estimated number of micro and small enterprises managed by ST persons during last two years is given below:

	No. of enterprises managed by tribals	
Sector	2005-06	2006-07
Micro enterprise	30,840	32,248
Small enterprise	510	534
TOTAL:	31,350	32,782